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#### RESUME OF SCHATZ NOBEL IZARD P.C.

Schatz Nobel Izard P.C. is one of the premier firms engaged in class action litigation on behalf of investors alleging misrepresentations in connection with the purchase or sale of securities. We are currently lead or primary counsel in many large securities or ERISA class actions, including cases against AT&T, AOL Time Warner, JDS Uniphase, Cable & Wireless, Sprint, and Tyco International. In the securities fraud class action against Campbell Soup Company, we represented the pension funds of the State of Connecticut as lead plaintiff. We recently settled the securities fraud class action on behalf of investors in Smallworldwide plc, for over 85% of the total losses claimed by class members.

Schatz Nobel Izard P.C. has been formally appointed by many courts as lead counsel or co-lead counsel for investors in securities class actions, including Papanikolaou v. Value-Added Communications, et al., No. 3-95CV0346-H (N.D. Tex.), Gorga v. Uniroyal Chemical Corporation et al., No. CV-96-0132014-S (Conn. Super.); David v. Simware, Inc. et al., No. 96/602143 (N.Y. Sup.), Butler et al. v. Northstar Health Services, Inc. et al., No. 96-701 (W.D. Pa.), Allen, et al v. Johansson, et al., 397CV02172 (RNC) (D. Conn.), Feiner v. SS&C Technologies, Inc. et al., 397CV0656 (D. Conn.), Berti, et al. v. Videolan Technologies, Inc., et al., No.3:97CV296H (W.D. Ky.), Ganino, et al v. Citizens Utilities Company, et al., No. 398CV00480 (JBA) (D. Conn.), Bunting, et al. v. HealthCor Holdings, Inc., et al., No. 398CV0744-D (N.D. Tex.), Hirsch, et al. v. PSS World Medical, Inc., et al., No. 98 502 Civ. J20A (M.D. Fla.), Kenneth Blau, et al v. Douglas Murphy, et al., No. H 99 0535 (S.D. Tex.), Angres v. Smallworldwide plc, No. 99-K-1254 (D. Colo.), In re Complete Management, Inc. Sec. Litig., No. 99 Civ. 1454 (S.D.N.Y.), Allain Roy v. dElia\*s, Inc., et al., No. 99 Civ. 3951 (JES)

(S.D.N.Y.), Russo, et al v. KTI, Inc., et al., No. 99-1780 (JAG) (D.N.J.); Laborers Local 1298 Pension Fund v. Campbell Soup Company, et al., No. 00-152 (JEI) (D.N.J.); Hart v. Internet Wire, et al., No. 00 Civ. 6571 (S.D.N.Y.), Ottmann v. Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc., et al., Civil Action No. AW 00CV3508 (D. Md.), In re PolyMedica Corp. Sec. Litig., No. 00-12426-REK (D. Mass.), Karl L. Kapps, et al. v. Torch Offshore, Inc., et al., Case No. 02-CV-0582 (E.D. La), In re Cable and Wireless, PLC, Sec. Litig., Civil Action No. 02-1860 (E.D. Va), In re Alloy, Inc. Sec. Litig., Case No. 03-CV-1597 (S.D.N.Y.), In re Surebeam Corporation Sec. Litig., Case No. 03-CV-1721 (S.D. Cal); In re Primus Telecommunications Group, Inc. Sec. Litig., Master Case No. 04-970-A (E.D. Va.); In re Netopia Sec. Litig., Case No. C 04-3364 (N.D. Cal); Malasky v. IAC/InterActive Corp., et al., Case No. 04-CV-7447 (S.D.N.Y.); In re Supportsoft, Inc. Sec. Litig., C 04-5222 SI (N.D.Cal.); Berson v. Applied Signal Technology Inc. et al, 4:05-cv-01027-SBA (N.D.Cal.); The Cornelia I.. Crowell GST Trust v. Pemstar, Inc. et al., 05-CV-1182 (D. MN); UFCW Local 880 Retail Food Employers Joint Pension Fund v. Newmont Mining Corp. et al., No. 05-CV-01046 (D. Colo.); Aviva Partners v. Exide Technologies et al., 3:05-CV-03098 (D. NJ); In re Veritas Software Corp. Sec. Litig., No. 04-831 (D. Del.); and In re Ionatron, Inc. Sec. Litig., Case No. 06-354 (D. AZ).

We have also been responsible for many important decisions which have advanced the cause of shareholder protection through the federal securities laws, including in <u>Ganino</u>, et al v. <u>Citizens Utilities Company</u>, et al, 228 F.3d 154 (2d Cir. 2000), <u>In re Campbell Soup Sec. Litig.</u>, 145 F. Supp.2d 574 (D.N.J. 2001), <u>In re Complete Management</u>, <u>Inc. Sec. Litig.</u>, 153 F.Supp. 2d 314 (S.D.N.Y. 2001), <u>Angres v. Smallworldwide</u>, plc, 94 F. Supp.2d 1167 (D. Colo. 2000), and <u>Feiner v.S&C Technologies</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, 47 F. Supp.2d 250 (D. Conn. 1999).

In ERISA cases, Schatz Nobel Izard has been formally appointed as sole or co-lead counsel in Overby v. Tyco International, Ltd., No. 02-CV-1357-B (D.N.H.); In re Reliant Energy

ERISA Litig..., No. H-02-2051 (S.D. Tex.); In re AOL Time Warner, Inc., Sec. and ERISA Litig., MDL Docket No. 1500 (S.D.N.Y.); Furstenau v. AT&T, Case No. 02 CV 8853 (D.N.J.); In re AEP ERISA Litig., Case No. C2-03-67 (S.D.Ohio); Pettit v. JDS Uniphase Corporation, Civil Action No. 03-4743-CW (N.D.Cal.); In re Sprint Corporation ERISA Litig., Master File No. 2:03-cv-02202-JWL (D.Kan.); In re Cardinal Health, Inc. ERISA Litig., Case No. C 2-04-642 (S.D.Ohio); Spear v. Hartford Fin. Svcs Group. Inc., No. 04-1790 (D.Conn.); In re Merck & Co., Inc. Securities, Derivative and ERISA Litig., MDL No. 1658 (D.N.J.); In re Diebold ERISA Litig. No.5:06-CV- 0170 N.D.Ohio; In re Dell. Inc. ERISA Litig, Case No. 06-CA-758-SS (W.D.Tex.); In re Bausch & Lomb. Inc. ERISA Litig., Master File No. 06-CV-6297-MAT-MWP (W.D.N.Y.); and to the Steering Committee in Tittle v. Enron Corp., No. H-01-3913 (S.D. Tex.); In re Electronic Data Systems ERISA Litig., 3:02-cv-1323 (E.D.Tex.); and In re Marsh ERISA Litig., Master File No. 04 cv 8157 (S.D.N.Y.). We are responsible for the seminal decision in Vivien v. Worldcom, Civil Action No. 2-01329 (N.D.Cal.), in which the Court in denying a motion to dismiss affirmed the legal theory upon which these cases are based.

#### **PARTNERS**

Andrew M. Schatz has concentrated his practice on class action litigation for over 30 years, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. Since founding the firm in 1995, has been, and remains, actively involved in all areas of the firm's practice.

Mr. Schatz graduated Cornell University with honors in 1972 and Harvard Law School with honors in 1976, where he was the Articles Editor of the *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*. In 1976, Mr. Schatz joined the Chicago law firm of Sachnoff, Schrager, Jones & Weaver, where he was a partner from 1979 until 1987 and managed the firm's office in Hartford, Connecticut in 1986-87. Mr. Schatz played a key role in that firm's representation of plaintiffs in numerous securities, antitrust and consumer class actions, including national antitrust class

actions against the paper industry, major national securities class actions against Equity Funding Corp. of America and the Washington Public Power Supply System, and consumer class actions against Allstate and other insurance companies, as well as serving as counsel for plaintiffs and defendants in many non-class cases.

In 1987, Mr. Schatz joined Schatz & Schatz, Ribicoff & Kotkin in Hartford, Connecticut, where he headed that firm's corporate and securities litigation practice. While at that firm, Mr. Schatz represented publicly-held corporations and their directors and officers as defendants in many securities class actions and derivative actions, including numerous corporations in the retail, banking and brokerage industries.

Mr. Schatz has also been active in pro bono cases in both Chicago and Hartford, including cases seeking to protect rights of those with physical and mental disabilities and other forms of discrimination. He has served as co-counsel in numerous cases with the American Civil Liberties Union and Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights as well as other organizations.

Mr. Schatz is a director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut, the Greater Hartford Legal Aid Foundation and numerous community organizations, a member of the Securities Advisory Council to the Connecticut Department of Banking, a member of the Connecticut and American Bar Associations and a speaker on panels relating to securities fraud and the duties of directors of publicly held corporations.

Jeffrey S. Nobel co-founded the firm in 1995. Mr. Nobel is a 1989 graduate of Albany Law School, where he served as an Associate Editor of its Law Review, and is also a 1986 cum laude graduate of the University of Connecticut, Storrs, where he received a Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science.

Following his law school graduation in 1989, Mr. Nobel was employed as a litigation associate with the Hartford, Connecticut law firm of Schatz & Schatz, Ribicoff & Kotkin, where

he represented officers and directors in various securities class action cases, as well as corporations and financial institutions in complex litigation matters.

Since co-founding the firm in 1995, Mr. Nobel has concentrated his practice on representing investors, consumers and employees harmed by corporate wrongdoing. Mr. Nobel is admitted to practice in Connecticut, and has prosecuted class action suits in numerous State and Federal courts throughout the country, including the District of Connecticut, the District of New Jersey, the District of Colorado, the Northern, Central and Southern Districts of California, the Northern and Southern Districts of Texas, the Southern District of New York, the Middle District of Florida, the District of Minnesota, and the Eastern District of Virginia.

Robert A. Izard is the former chair of the Commercial and Business Litigation Committee of the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association. He leads the firm's ERISA team, which is at the forefront of retirement plan litigation in this country. He is lead counsel in many of the nation's most significant class actions, including cases against Merck, Tyco International, Time Warner, AT&T and Sprint among others.

Mr. Izard has substantial experience in other types of complex class action and commercial litigation matters. For example, he represented a class of milk purchasers in a price fixing case. He also represented a large gasoline terminal in a gasoline distribution monopolization lawsuit.

Prior to joining the firm, he was a partner at Robinson & Cole where he represented large corporate clients in a variety of business litigation matters. For example, he represented a large worker's compensation insurer in numerous class action lawsuits filed throughout the country concerning an alleged conspiracy to fix worker's compensation insurance rates.

As part of his twenty plus years litigating complex commercial cases, Mr. Izard has substantial jury and nonjury trial experience, including a seven-month jury trial in federal district court.

He is also experienced in various forms of alternative dispute resolution, including mediation and arbitration, and is a Distinguished Neutral for the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution.

Mr. Izard is the author of Lawyers and Lawsuits: A Guide to Litigation published by Simon and Schuster and a contributing author to the Mediation Practice Guide.

He received his B.A. from Yale University and his J.D., with honors, from Emory University, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif and was an editor of the Emory Law Journal.

Seth R. Klein graduated cum laude from both Yale University and, in 1996, from the University of Michigan Law School, where he was a member of the Michigan Law Review and the Moot Court Board and where he was elected to the Order of the Coif. After clerking for the Hon. David M. Borden of the Connecticut Supreme Court, Mr. Klein served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Connecticut, where he specialized in consumer protection matters and was a founding member of the office's electronic commerce unit. Mr. Klein thereafter joined the reinsurance litigation group at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP in New York, where he focused on complex business disputes routinely involving hundreds of millions of dollars. At Schatz Nobel Izard, Mr. Klein's practice continues to focus on consumer protection matters as well as on complex securities and antitrust litigation

Mark P. Kindall is a 1988 graduate of Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley, where he served as Book Review Editor of the California Law Review and was elected to the Order of the Coif. He has a bachelor's degree in history with highest

honors from the University of California at Riverside, and he also studied history at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

Mr. Kindall was an associate at Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C. from 1988 until 1990. In 1990 he joined the United States Environmental Protection Agency as an Attorney Advisor. He represented the U.S. government in international negotiations at the United Nations, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the predecessor of the World Trade Organization. He was also a member of the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (the "Earth Summit") in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

In 1994, Mr. Kindall joined the Connecticut Attorney General's Office. As an Assistant Attorney General, he represented the State of Connecticut in numerous cases in federal and state court, as well as in various administrative tribunals. On several occasions, he argued appeals before the Connecticut Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. In 2005, Mr. Kindall joined Schatz Nobel Izard, where his practice has focused on securities, pension and consumer fraud cases.

Mr. Kindall has taught courses in appellate advocacy and administrative law at the University of Connecticut School of Law. He is admitted to practice in Connecticut, California, and the District of Columbia. He is also a member of the bar of the United States Supreme Court, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Ninth, and D.C. Circuits, and the United States District Courts for Connecticut, the District of Columbia, the Northern, Southern, and Eastern Districts of New York, and the Northern, Central and Southern Districts of California.

#### ASSOCIATES

William Bernarduci graduated from Bucknell University with a Business Administration degree and graduated magna cum laude from New York Law School, where he was a member of the New York Law School Law Review. Upon graduation, he served as a law clerk for the Honorable Nina Gershon, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

His practice focuses on class action litigation in a variety of areas including ERISA, consumer and securities law, with a particular emphasis on litigation involving 401(k) retirement plans.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Bernarduci was associated with the New York law firms Skadden, Arps, Slate Meagher & Flom LLP and Dornbush Schaeffer, where he was involved primarily in complex commercial and securities litigation.

Mr. Bernarduci is admitted to the state and federal bars of Connecticut and New York, and is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association and the New York City Bar Association. He has had notable pro bono experience including a successful political asylum case on behalf of a Tibetan nun who was imprisoned for her political and religious activism.

Wayne T. Boulton received his bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Colgate University, and received his law degree, with honors, from the University of Connecticut School of Law. Mr. Boulton served as Special Deputy Assistant States Attorney for the State of Connecticut before joining the law firm of O'Connell Flaherty & Attmore LLP in Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Boulton joined Schatz & Nobel P.C., in 2001.

Mr. Boulton has held numerous elected and appointed positions within the American Bar Association and the Connecticut Bar Association, including District Representative for the states of Connecticut and Rhode Island before the ABA's Young Lawyers Division. Through a compact between the ABA and the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency, Mr.

Boulton became a director of Disaster Legal Services during recovery operations following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Mr. Boulton's practice at Schatz Nobel Izard has focused on Employee Benefits Law, including Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA") litigation, as well as securities fraud and consumer class actions. His pro bono and community service work includes representation of the American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut, including In re National Security Agency Telecommunications Records Litig., and projects with the American Friends Service Committee.

Eric Palmquist graduated from Cornell Law School magna cum laude in 1999, where he was a member of the Cornell Law Review and elected Order of the Coif. Before joining Schatz Nobel Izard in 2004, Mr. Palmquist worked in the bankruptcy department at Dewey Ballantine LLP in New York City, where his work included representation of investors in a fraudulent Ponzi scheme, and at Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider in Hartford, Connecticut, where he represented clients in antitrust, patent and commercial litigations, including litigation to prevent anticompetitive practices in the contact lens industry.

Since joining Schatz Nobel Izard, Mr. Palmquist has focused his practice on cases involving consumer fraud, pension fraud and antitrust violations.

Nancy A. Kulesa graduated from Fordham University with a B.A. with honors in International Politics, and earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 2001. Ms. Kulesa also studied comparative and international law at the University of London. Prior to joining Schatz Nobel Izard, Ms. Kulesa was involved in representing corporations seeking antitrust clearance of mergers and acquisitions.

Ms. Kulesa is involved in all of the firm's practice areas, with a primary focus on investigations, new cases and issues relating to the administration of individual and class actions. 

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Ms. Kulesa is admitted to the Connecticut Bar and the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.